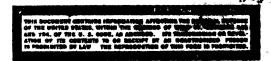
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- 1. At a meeting of the SED Politburg in early April 1955, Heinrich Rau 25X1 was forced to undergo self-criticism. He was held personally responsible for a series of mistakes in the Ministry for Machine Construction. Walter Ulbricht accused Rau, in addition, of having carried on factional activity (Fraktionspolitik) and of having been guilty of divisive activity in heading the Ministry (sektiererisches Verhalten in der Anleitung).
- 2. The fact that Rau was given a new ministerial position at all is directly traceable to the support given him by Otto Grotewohl personally and by 25X1 the members of Grotewohl's group in the Politburo.
- Rau was given to understand, however, that if he fails in his current post as Minister for Domestic and Foreign Trade, his political career will be over.4

1 0	Comment:	Rau was relieved as Minister for Machine Construction and appointed Minister for Domestic and Foreign Trade
	· ·	in mid-April 1955. 25X1
2.	Comment:	Even at the time of the Zaisser-Herrnstadt crisis in the Politburo following 17 June 1953 Rau was on shaky ground. Here also it was the support of Grotewohl which is supposed to have enabled Rau to maintain his position. Another factor which played a part was that for reasons of prestige the Politbure did not want to have any more personned than those caused by the crisis.
3。	Comment:	did not further identify the members of Grotewohl 25X1
		group.
4.	Comment:	indicates that the SED anticipates considerable 25X1
-		difficulty in fulfilling the 1955 export plan. If this is the case, Rau's new position does not seem to be very stable.

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